

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4521, America COMPETES Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1789–S1810

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3932–3942, and S. Res. 558. **Page S1803**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 547, recognizing the 201st anniversary of Greek Independence and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States. **Page S1803**

Measures Passed:

America COMPETES Act: By 68 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 109), Senate passed H.R. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, by the order of the Senate of Thursday, March 24, 2022, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Schumer Amendment No. 5002, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1789–99**

Withdrawn:

Schumer Amendment No. 5003 (to Amendment No. 5002), to change the enactment date.

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Schumer Amendment No. 5005 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 5002), to change the enactment date. **Pages S1789–99**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 108), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Schumer Amendment No. 5002 (listed above). **Pages S1789–99**

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions to report back forthwith, Schumer

Amendment No. 5007, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on Schumer Amendment No. 5002 (listed above). **Pages S1789–99**

Schumer Amendment No. 5008 (to the instructions of the motion to commit (Amendment No. 5007)), to change the enactment date, fell when Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions to report back forthwith, Schumer Amendment No. 5007 (listed above) fell.

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Schumer Amendment No. 5009 (to Amendment No. 5008), to change the enactment date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 5008 (listed above) fell.

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Schumer Amendment No. 5004 (to Amendment No. 5003), to change the enactment date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 5003 (listed above) was withdrawn.

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Schumer Amendment No. 5006 (to Amendment No. 5005), to change the enactment date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 5005 (listed above) was withdrawn.

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Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 24, 2022.

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Pryor Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1808**

Contreras Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of January Contreras, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services. **Page S1809**

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Weil Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S1809**

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Grundmann Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. **Page S1809**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S1809**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1809**

Harris Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board. **Page S1809**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. **Page S1809**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1809**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1809**

Harris Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board. **Page S1810**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board. **Page S1810**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1809**

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Motion to Discharge Cook Nomination—Agreement: Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs being tied on the question of reporting, the Majority Leader made the motion to discharge the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs from further consideration of the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; under the provisions of S. Res. 27, there will be up to 4 hours of debate on the motion, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; with no motions, points of order, or amendments in order. **Page S1810**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget; that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, March 24, 2022, ripen following disposition of the motion to

discharge the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and that the Senate vote on the motion to discharge the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, at 11:45 a.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, all post-cloture time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m.; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation), at 2:15 p.m., and if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be considered expired following disposition of the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti. **Page S1810**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2024.

Kristin N. Johnson, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2025.

Summer Kristine Mersinger, of South Dakota, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2023.

Caroline D. Pham, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2027. **Page S1810**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Robert Phillip Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on November 15, 2021, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S1810**

Messages from the House:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—109) **Page S1799**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1810.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 7231–7259; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1004–1008, were introduced. **Pages H3894–96**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1621, to amend section 3661 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the consideration of acquitted conduct at sentencing (H. Rept. 117–279); and

H.R. 3359, to provide for a system for reviewing the case files of cold case murders at the instance of

certain persons, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–280). **Page H3894**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Garcia (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3867**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. **Page H3868**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Prohibiting Punishment of Acquitted Conduct Act: H.R. 1621, amended, to amend section 3661 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the consideration of acquitted conduct at sentencing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$